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WHOLE No. 488

Salinas School Bond Election Set Tuesday; \$2,500,000 Asked For High School Improvements

Voters residing in the Salinas Union High School District go to the polls on Tuesday of this week to accept or reject a \$2,500,000 bond issue proposition which would provide much needed improvements to the high school system.

As the issue is of vital importance to every union member, it is necessary that each workingman be sure to cast his ballot before the polls close at 7 p.m.

Organized labor has officially endorsed the bond proposal and union officials are on committees working for the acceptance of the bond issue by the voters.

The Committee for School Bonds, which includes J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272, and George Harter, business agent of Carpenters 925, has issued the following statement in regard to the bond election:

"At best, no one likes to pay taxes, and in these days of inflation and high prices who wants to vote in favor of a bond issue?

"The whole Salinas area is growing—statistics prove it. We want new people, new payrolls. We feel confident about our future. We have much to offer to outside interests. We rightfully anticipate expansion.

"However, you cannot drive a ten-penny nail with a tack hammer! We cannot expect new payrolls, and new people, if our housing and school facilities are not equal to the present load, let alone our anticipated growth. There may be various answers to the housing problem, but there is only one answer to the school problem. It is simple—it is short—it is bonds, \$2,500,000 worth of them, to be exact.

"Passage of the bonds will permit the following construction:

1. Two junior high schools—one in Salinas and one in Alisal.
2. Completion of stabilization and improvements of high school buildings such as the gymnasiums and some classrooms.
3. Additional agricultural buildings at Hartnell A. & M.
4. New library at the high school.
5. Student hall at the junior college.
6. District administrative offices, bus sheds, warehouse, and maintenance shops.

"... You know generally the need for additional school facilities in this area. You also know that bond election are tough. Lots of work must be done by lots of people if they are to succeed.

"... We wish to add the observation that these bonds will be sold at 2½ per cent interest that will be retired in 20 years, and will cost about three cents a day for each \$3,500 of assessed valuation.

"We think Salinas is a good investment. We want it to grow. We think the bond issue is a must."

Bartenders Vote To Uphold Rules Of State Board

Bartenders Union 545 voted at last week's meeting to uphold regulations of the State Board of Equalization in reference to sale of liquor to minors by adopting a proposal to fine members who may be convicted in court of breach of the state rules.

Secretary Al Clark of the union said the union agreed that any member who might henceforth stand convicted of breaking the rules and regulations of the State Board would be subject to a fine of \$25 to \$100 by the union.

The proposal came from Warren Baxter, chaplain of the union, who gave a detailed picture of the seriousness of reported sales of intoxicants to minors and pointed out the growing responsibility of bartenders in this matter.

Rain Hits Work For Laborers

Members of Laborers Union 272 were idle last week due to the stormy weather and the work picture is not bright because of the prospect of further rains, reported Business Manager J. B. McGinley of the union. McGinley said that the weather has halted a number of projects on which laborers are employed.

Andrade Ill

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of General Teamsters 890 of Monterey County, was confined to his home the greater portion of last week with a severe attack of influenza. He was expected back on the job this week.

Union Officials Attend Meeting On Housing Need

Officials of labor unions in Salinas were called into a special meeting arranged by the Chamber of Commerce last week at which time the need for low-cost homes or rental property was explained.

Captain Aherne of the U. S. Naval school at Del Monte was present at the meeting and said that within five years there will be 2600 to 3000 navy personnel and civilian workers at the Del Monte school, many for only a period of nine months and most preferring rental property.

He pointed out that surveys have shown that there is not enough housing in the county for this many individuals and added that in most cases families would have to be accommodated as well.

Many of the workers and naval personnel will prefer to reside in the Salinas area, he added, and thus it is necessary that low-cost housing and rental property projects be started in this part of the county as well as in Monterey.

Builders, lumbermen, contractors, city officials, civic leaders, business and labor officials were among the group which discussed the problem.

Following the report by Captain Aherne it was estimated that from 1600 to 1800 new units were needed in Salinas and a committee was named to contact the housing authority to determine financing while contacts also will be made with Washington officials and high navy officers in regards to the problem.

Labor officials present included: George Harter, business manager of Carpenters Union 925; J. B. McGinley, business manager of Laborers Union 272, and Carl Lara, president of the Salinas labor council and representative for Painters Union 1104 and Electricians Union 234.

Insurance Talk Features Meeting Of Culinary Sectys.

An explanation of an insurance plan for culinary workers and bartenders, the plan already adopted by certain unions, was made at a special meeting in Watsonville by secretaries of various culinary-bartender unions of Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Monterey, Salinas, San Jose and San Mateo.

General discussions of conditions throughout the area involved were held during the session, which climaxed with a banquet for the group with Local 345 of Watsonville as host. The dinner was at the Miramar Restaurant in Watsonville.

Union officials agreed to take back to memberships the insurance proposal, which would call for increasing dues by \$1.00 monthly and would give \$1000 death benefit coverage in a union-participation program. The unions represented in the meeting now generally have only a union-operated death benefit ranging to \$250 and paid through direct assessment upon members when a death occurs.

Present at the meeting were Mildred Rowe, secretary of Local 345; Harry Parry, Santa Cruz representative for Local 345; George Rice, secretary of Monterey Local 483; Bertha Boles, secretary of Salinas Culinary Local 467; J. H. Morgan, secretary of San Jose Bartenders 577, and T. A. Small, secretary of San Mateo County Local 340.

Administration Wins N.Y. Hotel Union Vote

New York—By a margin of more than 7 to 1, Secretary-Treasurer Martin Cody was elected as president of Local 6, Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Union (AFL), succeeding Michael J. Obermeier, who did not run for reelection.

Backed by the retiring president, now threatened with deportation by the Justice Department, Cody got 12,972 votes against 1,725 for Thomas Passan, who campaigned with a slogan of "Drive Out the Reds."

The local is the union's largest, with 27,000 members. More than 16,000 cast ballots. Cody's complete slate, including Gertrude Salinas as secretary-treasurer, was swept into office.

Culinary-Bartender Heads Meet in San Jose

Secretaries of Culinary Alliances and Bartenders' Unions of Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, San Mateo and San Jose held a dinner meeting at Lou's Village in San Jose this week for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and conditions in the area.

International Representative C. T. McDonough of the craft was to attend the meeting, which was the second, such session in past weeks, the group having met in Watsonville previously.

LAUNDRY WORKERS TO MEET SOON

Laundry Workers Union 258 of Salinas will hold an important membership meeting at the Salinas Labor Temple on Thursday, February 19, reports John Deer, union secretary and representative.

Deer urged all members to attend this meeting to take part in the various business at hand.

Match Covers Urge Registration

Book matches imprinted with an urgent plea that all persons be registered and eligible to vote this year are being distributed throughout Monterey County by the Salinas Central Labor Council.

The matches have a silver cover imprinted with: "Vote in '48. Are you a registered voter? Register now. Contact your nearest AFL union office, or phone Salinas 7787 (council office)."

SALINAS CLU JOINS STRIKE FOOD CARAVAN

Representatives of the Central Labor Union of Monterey County at Salinas joined the statewide "food caravan" to Bakersfield last Friday to carry supplies to strikers in the dispute with the Di Giorgio farms in Kern County.

The Central Labor Union recently underwrote a donation of \$550 from Salinas unions for the strikers, the money to be used to purchase food and supplies for families of the men involved in the strike, it was reported. The figure was based on the request from the Di Giorgio Strike Committee for 25 cents from each union member, or a can or package of food.

At meetings this month, appeals were made to union members to bring food or money and the donations were collected in time for the caravan. Canned milk and vegetables, sugar, and some items of clothing were contributed, along with money.

Carl Lara, president of the central body, and John Deer, secretary, headed the local delegation to Bakersfield to deliver the supplies, accompanied by Walt Lester, business representative of Salinas Retail Clerks 958, and others.

Unions will be asked to contribute food supplies or money to the strikers in order that the pledged amount of \$550 will be raised, it was reported.

Monterey's famed Mission Inn, 456 Tyler street, was under a union agreement for the bar and dining room this week for the first time, it was reported by Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders Union 483.

Union Representative George Rice has been seeking to unionize this house for some time and thus bring all major hotel coffee shops and dining rooms under fully union conditions. The agreement with Mission Inn was signed last week.

Contracts were signed by Local 483 with the Coffee Bean, 292 Alvarado street, Monterey, and the Pann Club, 333 Alvarado street, Rice added.

B. R. MacAfee has become general manager of Hotel San Carlos, according to announcement by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, owners of the establishment. MacAfee reportedly has been managing a major hotel in Southern California.

Business Representative George Rice of Local 483 was in San Francisco last week to confer with President Jack Shelley and Secretary Neil Haggerty of the California State Federation of Labor on important matters. While en route he stopped also in San Mateo to visit Thomas A. Small, secretary of Culinary-Bartenders 340 of San Mateo County.

Slaughterhouse and by-product plant workers of Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Monterey and San Benito Counties have agreed to delay further action on negotiation of a new agreement for this division of Butchers' Union 506 until February 28.

The delay, according to Executive Secretary Earl A. Moorhead of Local 506, is to allow further time to gain information regarding wages and conditions elsewhere.

Moorhead, who was to attend a conference of Butchers' Union representatives in Portland over the weekend, is studying the report of settlement of agreements with major packing houses in the nation.

At a meeting recently of workers, employers, drivers and union representatives involved in the question of driver jurisdiction, Moorhead said, the solution was referred to a committee composed of Fred Hofmann, secretary of Teamsters 287; Albert Harris, representative of Teamsters' 890 of Salinas, and Moorhead.

Now Franks has moved on to newer and greener (the long green kind) pastures.

L-M FOUNDATION

He's promoting an organization which calls itself the National Labor Management Foundation, "a non-profit organization (it says) dedicated to the increasingly important task of promoting a better and clearer understanding between the workers, their employers and the general public."

Voice of the foundation is a slick-paper magazine, with a nice amount of full-page business ads, called Partners.

In its first issue, the magazine describes Franks and his views and states that probably from his "consistent association with railroad brotherhoods" known for their progressive labor thinking, their patriotism, their freedom from corruption—Mr. Franks has developed a philosophy which beats the torch (sic) for cooperative solution of all labor problems."

The railroad unions regard Franks in a different light. Their official publication, Labor, has called him a "fraud" and implied that his "Yardmaster's outfit" which never had more than 1,200 members, was a company-sponsored affair. On other occasions they have referred to him as a promoter of rackets.

The first issue of Partners makes interesting reading. Crammed with the usual pious platitudes about the great need for cooperation between labor and management, the magazine also contains such articles as the following:

SOME FISH PACKED DESPITE STORMS

Stormy weather hampered the fishing fleets at Monterey somewhat last week but sufficient sardines, mackerel and herring were landed to keep several plants along Cannery Row busy, it was reported by the Fish Cannery Workers Union.

With the season ending for sardines on February 15, Monterey is near the close of the worst sardine canning period in recent history of the port. Sardines have not been caught and the plants have been forced to limit canning to other types of fish, it was reported.

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Labor Agreement Here

On one important issue American labor is agreed and that is that the Taft-Hartley law should be repealed. In order to accomplish this repeal it is recognized quite generally that the logical course to pursue in order to accomplish this is to defeat as many as possible of those present members of Congress, who voted for this law, or new candidates, who uphold it and nominate and elect others who stand pledged to vote for repeal and who have a record that gives assurance they will be faithful to that pledge after election in case they are elected.

Now is the most important time for labor to be on its toes to induce dependable and capable candidates to enter the primaries. It is the California primary election, which will be held June 1st, that will do even more than the general election in November to determine how large or how small a factor California labor will be in this Taft-Hartley fight. Only seven of our 23 representatives in Congress voted against the anti-labor law. The other 16 voted for it. Our first opportunity to defeat these 16 will come in the primary. If we don't succeed there we will have another chance in November, provided we have other nominees in the field.

America or Wall Street?

Once in a while we write things like this, but we can't write them as well as Congressman Sabath of Illinois spoke them at the opening session of Congress:

"Undoubtedly it is the deepest dream of Herbert Hoover and John Foster Dulles and other Wall Street representatives that Germany can be made the bulwark against bolshevism..."

"The poor, wronged Germany" publicly flows from hidden financial wells in the heart of Wall Street.

"It seems to me that Mr. Hoover . . . is only reflecting and supporting the views of John Foster Dulles and his law firm's clientele of German bankers and industrialists. Our own government is unfortunately honeycombed with officials drawn from Wall Street law and brokerage firms . . . They see everything through a veil of dollar signs.

"It is time for us to forget the short-range profit motives and look ahead. We must not, we dare not, we shall not permit Germany to rearm and grow strong, lest we perish, and the whole world with us."

As they heard these words from Sabath's lips probably four-fifths of the Congressmen present closed their eyes in boredom. Will the American people remain equally impervious to the plea of the statesman from Illinois? The wrong answer can be written in blood.

The Blame For High Prices

You will recollect that for a long time organized labor got the blame for the rising cost of living. But now the tune has been changed—the farmers are now held responsible for the rising cost of food. The official organ of the National Farmers' Union points out:

"There is no relation between the prices the middlemen and speculators offer the farmer, where the Government steps in with the parity program, and the prices the consumer pays at the corner grocery. For instance, the Department of Agriculture bought close to 300 million dozen eggs at from 33 to 35c a dozen. What did you pay retail? Up to a dollar a dozen in some areas!"

The same paper goes on to show that apples, selling at 12c a pound in the grocery, bring 4c and less to the farmer. Butterbeans retailing at 29c bring 8c to the farmer. Tomatoes, sold by the farmer for 6c a pound and less, sell for 23c and over.

What, then, is the answer? The answer is that the bulk of the unusual profits go to food processors, manufacturers and distributors.

Our Free Press

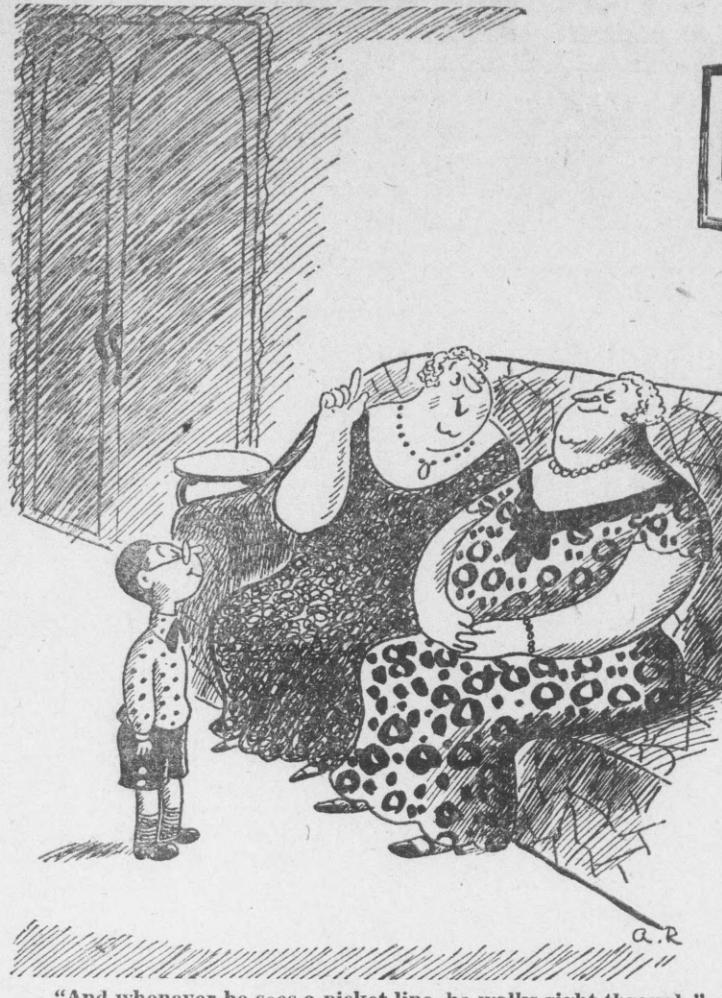
An investigator has taken the trouble to pore over the files of the 38 big city papers owned by Hearst and Howard. He finds that during the last year these papers, which daily reach millions of subscribers, have almost totally suppressed news unfavorable to big business and advertisers. He found that during the last 10 years none of the Hearst or Howard papers have crusaded against any vested interests. On the other hand, they are quick to headline any story unfavorable to labor unions or groups sponsoring basic economic reforms. Definition: *Freedom of the press is the freedom of the owner* to publish only what he thinks his readers ought to read.

Our principal fight this political year is to defeat every member of Congress who helped enact the Taft-Hartley law and to elect dependable representatives in their places, representatives who are pledged to vote for its repeal.

If there is any political party that is a real menace to the future of the American people it is a political party which is dominated and controlled by reactionary, anti-labor fanatics.

There is no excuse for any citizen not being registered, who is qualified to vote. A trip to the court house of your county will do it.

If you are qualified to vote make sure that you are properly registered.

BRIGHT BOY**Attorney-Gen. Rules Against Placing 'Right-to-Work' Petition on Ballot**

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco.—The so-called "right-to-work" petition will not be placed on the ballot in the coming election, unless further action is taken by the courts. This is the gist of an option issued by the Attorney General's office at the request of Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan, who asked whether the initiative measure titled "Regulating Mode of Collective Bargaining and Solicitation of Labor Union Membership" should be placed on the November, 1948 ballot.

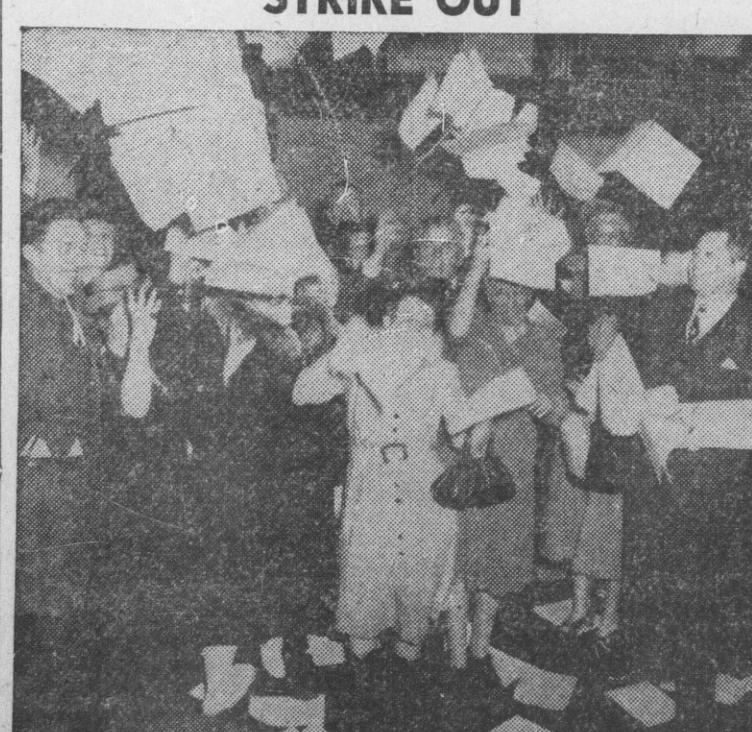
On April 12, 1946, the Attorney General's office issued a title and summary for this measure, and petitions were thereafter circulated for signatures and filed with the various clerks. The initial certified petition was received by the Secretary of State May 9, 1946, which was more than 130 days prior to the general election of November, 1946. On August 26, 1946, the Secretary of State received a supplemental certified petition which apparently established that the measure had received the requisite number of electoral signatures.

In effect, according to the Attorney General's office, the legal question propounded by the Secretary of State was whether or not the measure had lapsed by reason of the fact that such qualification had occurred less than 130 days prior to the general election. The Attorney General's office is of the opinion that this legal question does not arise, since it does not appear that the measure actually qualified.

SIGNATURES DISREGARDED
Investigation revealed that at least 2,434 signatures must be disregarded. This circumstance, according to the Attorney General's office, arises from the fact that the official summary date was April 12, 1946, and under Section 1407 of the Elections Code, all original petitions have to be filed with the county clerks or registrars not later than 90 days thereafter. The deadline for filing the original petition was, therefore, July 11, 1946.

The petitions containing the 2,434 signatures, which were presented to the county clerks more than 90 days after the official summary date, should not have been accepted for filing, and therefore should not be included in any computation made for the purpose of determining whether the measure has qualified.

In addition to these technical objections, the opinion of the Attorney General's office points out the *Gage v. Jordan* case, which held that when an initial certified

STRIKE OUT

Members of the Chicago local of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL) joyfully toss strike pamphlets in the air after their threat to walk out forced the city council to approve the 1948 budget providing pay boosts. Payless since December 19, the teachers had voted to strike on January 27 unless the city met their demands. Now everybody's happy but the school kids.

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Former Governor Heads Committee To Elect Wallace

New York.—Elmer A. Benson, former Farmer-Labor party governor of Minnesota, will be chairman of a newly formed National Wallace for President Committee, Henry A. Wallace announced here.

Wallace's campaign manager will be C. B. Baldwin, formerly head of the Farm Security Administration and now executive vice chairman of the Progressive Citizens of America.

Other co-chairmen of the committee announced by Wallace are Rexford Guy Tugwell, a leading member of the late President Roosevelt's brain trust, sculptor Jo Davidson and singer Paul Robeson. Davidson is honorary chairman of PCA, the organization which formally set off the Wallace for President movement. Angus Cameron, editor-in-chief of Little, Brown & Co., book publishers, was named treasurer.

Other members of the committee will be announced later, Wallace said.

PA. STARTS PARTY

York, Pa.—Call for a convention to set up a People's Progressive party March 7 was issued here by the Pennsylvania Progressives for Wallace with the support of a number of labor leaders.

Among AFL signers of the call were Secretary Joseph Ruccio of the Allentown Central Trades and Labor Council and Legislative Representative James Tumblety of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks (AFL).

Other signers were President Alvin Christman of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union, Secretary George Wuchinich of the American Slav Congress and Gerald Schafander, who resigned recently as political action director of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO).

HATTERS ASK WITHDRAWAL

Atlantic City, N. J.—The United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers (AFL) executive board, meeting here, called on Henry A. Wallace to withdraw from the Presidential race "so there will be no division of progressive forces in 1948."

A resolution adopted by the board's semi-annual meeting said: "The division that will be made in 1948 will affect the direction of history. Therefore, it is essential that all genuine liberal forces work together with labor to overcome the reaction that threatens from the extreme right and the advancing tide of totalitarian aggression that threatens from the extreme left."

FORM MICHIGAN CLUBS

Lansing, Mich.—Michigan Department of State approval of the legal validity of petitions to put Henry A. Wallace on the November ballot in the Presidential column was sought here by Secretary Allen Sayler of the Wallace For President Michigan Committee, with headquarters in the Reid Building, Cadillac Square, Detroit. About 8,000 names of voters are required by state law, distributed among a number of counties.

Wallace clubs are in formation in 24 counties and 35 cities in the state, Sayler, who is former UAW-CIO radio expert, said. They will send delegates to the state conference in Lansing February 21 where a third party is to be set up for Wallace.

Despite top AFL and CIO opposition to Wallace's candidacy, both AFL and CIO men in Michigan are planning to attend as delegates.

Un-con-sti-tu-tional

Philadelphia hotel keepers, who are planning to up hotel rates by 50 per cent during the GOP convention, sent rank-and-file Republicans scurrying to their history books.

"Do you think," one Republican was reported as complaining, "the innkeepers at the time of the Constitutional Convention 150 years ago charged the delegates exorbitant rates in any such manner as seems to be contemplated by the Philadelphia hotel owners of today?"

If they had, the delegates would probably have written price control into the Constitution and the GOP would now be busy drumming up an amendment to repeal it.

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MONTEREY

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 9:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 72 N. 2nd St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 101 Pajaro St., Sec. A. E. Foster, 361 Main St., San Jose, H. Freeman, 8 W. Alcal, Office 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at 2 p.m. Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Sec. Bus. Agt. Clark; Pres. W. K. Harmon, Office 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

BOOMKERS 204—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at 2 p.m. Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Sec. Bus. Agt. Clark; Pres. Clark Barnett, 1209 First Ave.; Fin. Sec. E. L. Courtney, 1221 First Ave., Suite 6, 8 p.m. Pres. Pete Smalley, Sec. Al Clark, Long, phone 6626; Bus. Agt. James Office, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6203.

BUTCHERS 508 (Salinas Hall)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenter's Hall at 8 p.m. Pres. Clark Barnett, 1209 First Ave.; Fin. Sec. E. L. Courtney, 1221 First Ave., Sec. Earl A. Moorehead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 6238; Ex. Sec. Earl A. Moorehead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2132.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR C. J. Haggerty, Secretary and Executive Representative, 301 Alvarado St., San Jose, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2:30 p.m. Pres. Harvey E. Rose, 366 Gibson St., Pacific Grove, phone 7570; Sec. and Bus. Agt. G. E. Rose, 366 Gibson St., San Jose, phone 6147.

BUTCHERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2:30 p.m. Pres. Harvey E. Rose, 366 Gibson St., Pacific Grove, phone 7570; Sec. and Bus. Agt. G. E. Rose, 366 Gibson St., San Jose, phone 6147.

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President Harvey Rose, who attended the funeral of our late Brother Fred L. Benson on Wednesday, February 5, reported that the representation from the Union was good, in spite of the heavy rains. It is good to know that many of our number will take the time to pay their last respects to a departed member.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, owners of Hotel San Carlos, announce the appointment of Mr. Basil R. McAfee as manager of the hotel. Mr. McAfee has managed several hotels and resorts in various parts of the United States during the past several years, and comes to Monterey from Southern California. He has been contacted by your secretary, and expresses his desire for cooperation and excellent relations with the Union and its membership.

OFFICIAL TRIP

Your secretary spent two days away from the office during the past week, and conferred with Union officials in San Jose, San Mateo, San Francisco and the Bay Area regarding various labor problems which affect all of us. The trip was climaxed with a lengthy conversation with Jack Shelley, and C. J. "Neil" Haggerty, president and secretary, respectively, of the California State Federation of Labor. The conditions affecting labor, both favorably and adversely, within the Peninsula area, were discussed, and the full support and cooperation of the State Federation of Labor was promised, should we need help in our future activities. Both Brothers Shelley and Haggerty send their regards to their many friends among the members of Local 483.

The Membership Report to the International Union for the month of January 1948, lists 26 suspensions for non-payment of dues. The great majority of these suspensions, I am certain, have been caused by CARELESSNESS, rather than by lack of the little money required to maintain good standing within our Union. The list of suspensions will be published at the next regular meeting, Monday, February 16 at 2:30 p.m. Any of the members who have been thus suspended, and are subsequently found working in Union Houses, will be invited to explain their lack of interest in the Union's—and their own—welfare to the Executive Board of the Local.

NEW BY-LAWS

The new By-Laws of Local 483 have been approved, with minor corrections, by General President Hugo Ernst, and steps are now being taken to have copies printed for each and every member of our Local. It is expected that each member will become thoroughly familiar with all the By-Laws affecting his daily work, and will do his best to insure that the rules are lived up to by all the membership.

The small attendance at our average meeting has been a constant source of worry during the past months of your secretary's term of office. More experienced—and realistic—local secretaries advise me that this is a situation prevalent in nearly all Locals of our International Union. They further state that the apparent lack of interest, exhibited by non-attendance of meetings, is a sure sign of the satisfaction, or at least the acceptance, of the membership of the actions of their designated representatives. I cannot reconcile myself to believing all these remarks to be definite truths, nor shall I so believe. No designated officer of a

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Local Union can hope to please all the membership. He (or she) will do well, in fact, to please a slim majority of his group, human nature being what it is. Therefore, there are always bound to be dissatisfied members, who feel for one reason or another that their Local is not being properly handled. One would think that the complaining members, at least, would turn up at meetings to air their views and grieves. But no, the major portion of such complaining seems to be done, as in the past, in public places which have no connection with our Union Hall or office. And the Local itself, instead of being helped and strengthened by constructive criticism, honestly offered in meeting, is only hurt and weakened by this shabby undercurrent of dissatisfaction. It boils down to the old saw of the indignant individual cutting off his nose to spite his face!!

We must have many members who have a real, genuine interest in the welfare of their Union—but who constantly and consistently postpone their attendance at meetings. Many of these sincere members are "old timers"—members of long standing, who have watched the activities of the Local, and even attended its meetings, in by-gone years, and have grown tired and discouraged. They seem to feel that the younger, newer members should "take over" and "run" the Local. But, alas, the reverse is true. The great majority of our young, new members have started their working careers during the past eight or nine years. They have never lived and worked through a depression, or recession, for example, and therefore, have not acquired a full realization of the real, down-to-earth URGENT NEEDS-SITY for Labor Organization and UNITY. A Union, to many of these newer members, is primarily a fraternal or social organization. Those of us who battled for existence during that aforementioned depression know full well that such is not the case. Our Labor Unions—Local 483 included, are nothing more nor less than working organizations whose primary concern is bread-and-butter, pork chops, and other essentials of life. The success or failure of each Local Union in its struggles for these essentials is determined, to a very large extent, by the interest and cooperation which the members display to their elected officers.

Contract and van negotiations are still going on. Next meeting scheduled for February 12, at which time we hope to receive a suitable offer from the Monterey Bay Drayman's Association.

Product Industry: The first scheduled meeting will be held the week of February 16 in Salinas with Growers-Shippers. Watch this column for further information.

Vote in '48, and you won't be sorry in '49.

Ice Industry—Salinas: United States Conciliation Service has been notified of our stalemate in these negotiations. A special meeting will be held in the near future; notices will be posted on our bulletin boards at the plants.

Pacific Oil and Burner: Negotiations are still going on, and we hope to have a settlement real soon. You will be notified when a suitable offer is forthcoming from this company.

Tire Industry: Another meeting is scheduled for February 12 with employers to try to reach an agreement. You will be notified of any legitimate offers.

Speigl Foods: A meeting has been arranged with the company to adjust wages, along with the increase granted by California Processors and Growers as of January 1, 1948. Watch this column for future information.

Note of Interest: In Watsonville last week, the Ice Industry employers asked the U.S. Government to hold a secret ballot election among their union employees, as the employers thought the men no longer wanted the union. (The Taft-Hartley Act gives the employer the right to try to break the unions this way.) The result of this election—you guessed it—100 per cent vote in favor of the union. These members have not forgotten the long days and the small pay they used to get before they had their union.

DO YOU KNOW of any of our members who are not receiving the paper? If so, please notify this union. Phone 4893 so we may put them on the mailing list.

Have you left your blood type at the union office? This is very important, as a brother or sister member may need a blood transfusion and we can help them immediately if we have this information.

Buy union-made goods; support only those firms displaying the union label. Wear your union buttons, and make sure the persons you work with are members of the union.

Live up to your union contract. If the employer is violating it, notify the union. Ask for Pete, Bud, Glen or Al. These representatives will take care of your grievances. Copies of all agreements are available at the union office. If agreements are not posted at the plant where you are employed, notify the union office so we can post them immediately.

Brother Andrade has been having a bout with Virus X, but is on the mend.

Pick up free book matches at the office of the union. Ask the office girls for them.

Again, if you need a taxicab, call Yellow, Checker, Salinas, or Carl's cabs, phone 7337 or 5565.

Lombardo Expelled; Radio Station Mexico Trade Unions Split

Mexico City. — The recent expulsion of Vicente Lombardo Toledano and three other leaders by the Mexican Confederation of Labor (CTM) national executive board has brought to the surface a smoldering split in the Mexican union body.

Lombardo's expulsion was recommended by CTM Gen. Sec. Fernando Amilpa. He denounced Lombardo for helping to organize a third political party, the Popular Party, which aims to swing labor's support away from the government party, the Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI).

Lombardo, who is also president of the Latin American Federation of Labor (CTAL), accepted the position of president of the new party's national coordinating committee and three other CTM leaders assumed Popular party leadership.

In California 76,585 veterans received home loans in 1947 valued at \$594,193,000, bringing the total since the program began to 122,165 valued at \$942,216,000.

Reviewing the past year's loan transactions, V.A. found that the average home cost the veteran \$400 more in California. The average California G.I. home carried a price tag of \$7,700 while the national average was \$7,300.

Four out of every ten veterans purchased paid over \$8,000 for their homes and one in 20 upwards of \$12,000.

Eligible veterans, estimated to number more than 14,000,000, still have nearly 10 years in which to exercise their loan guarantee rights under the G.I. Bill. Real estate loans carry a government guarantee of 50 per cent of the amount of the loan, up to a maximum guarantee of \$4,000.

Special membership meetings have been held by unions in all parts of the country to discuss Lombardo's expulsion and the third party movement. So far, meetings representing 800,000 of the CTM's 1,200,000 members have endorsed Lombardo's stand and denounced Amilpa and the national board as "arbitrary and dictatorial."

The three most powerful unions in Mexico, the railroad workers, miners and oil workers—totaling 500,000 members—have decided jointly to organize a new union center in opposition to the CTM. CTM state councils in the states of Veracruz, Sonora, Caxaca and New Leon, plus numerous individual unions, have announced their opposition to the CTM national leadership.

Union congresses have pointed out that Lombardo's expulsion violates a resolution passed by the CTM's 6th national convention two years ago. It stated that at as early a date as possible, Mexican labor, for its future welfare, must form a political party distinct from the government party.

The Popular party does not yet exist formally since its first constitutional convention takes place in May. Many unions, however, have already requested affiliation. The railroad, mining and petroleum unions have stated: "We will affiliate to the party that best serves the interests of the workers," with the clear implication that they mean the Popular party.

More than four hundred million children in the world receive the clear implication that they mean the Popular party.

Save Electricity

The drought has brought about an emergency in the state's power supply!

We are compelled to ask our customers to curtail the use of electricity in their business establishments, on their farms and in their factories.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

IF YOU RUN A COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT:

1. Turn off all window lights and electric signs.
2. Use no exterior or interior floodlighting.
3. Use electric power elsewhere only when necessary.

IF YOU RUN A FACTORY:

1. Curtail power consumption wherever you can.
2. Avoid use of electricity between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m., the peak load hours, shifting operations to other hours wherever possible.
3. Check your factory and offices to eliminate all waste of electric power.

IF YOU ARE AT HOME:

1. Light no unused rooms.
2. Use appliances for as short periods as possible.

IF YOU ARE A FARMER:

1. Shut down your pumping plants wherever possible between 4 and 8 p.m., shifting your irrigation schedule to other hours of day or night.
2. Use electrically-powered equipment only when absolutely necessary.

BECAUSE of the record drought there is an abnormal irrigation pumping load in the rural areas. In Northern and Central California this unreasonable demand for electricity now approximates 200,000 horsepower and comes at a time when under normal conditions our system load would be decreasing. The situation in the valleys would, of course, be relieved by heavy rain. Until such relief comes we must ask our customers to curtail their use of electricity in every possible way. Our customers can be assured that we have done and will continue to do everything possible to meet the problems brought about by the record drought.

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